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Mont. Laborers Begin Election; Benefits Listed

Election of officers of Monterey Laborers Union 690 is to be started at the union meeting on Wednesday of this week, at which time nominations will be accepted, according to George E. Jenkins, union secretary. The action election will be in June.

Jenkins said several members have received substantial benefit payments from the Laborers health and welfare fund recently, while one member had become delinquent prior to his death and his survivors were not eligible to receive the death benefit payment.

Survivors of Kenneth Smith, popular member who died recently, have been sent a check for \$1014, death and hospital benefits. Another member who has been hospitalized, was sent a check for \$164 to cover expenses.

Names of others who received recent benefits were not announced, nor has the name of the member who had been suspended because of non-payment of dues, thus leaving his dependents unable to collect benefits at his untimely death.

Jenkins reported that contract negotiations have been started with F. B. Morse, covering the Del Monte Properties. Details will be announced later. Independent contractors of the Monterey area have been informed of the new wage scale negotiated for the laborers through Associated General Contractors and have been asked to pay the same rates.

Work for laborers in the Monterey area continues to be slow. A few men were called by Tomlinson Roofing Co. of Oakland for a project at the Presidio, where old barracks are being re-roofed. Granite Construction Co. has started work on the Toro Canyon bridge, south of Monterey.

Carpenters 925 Will 'Graduate' Four Apprentices

Four apprentices in training under direction of Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas and the Carpentry Joint Apprenticeship Committee will be "graduated" at the apprentice completion ceremonies in Salinas on Friday night, May 28.

Harvey B. Baldwin, union business agent, said the four who will be advanced to journeyman carpenter status at the dinner party to honor apprentices who have completed their training include Louis Reavis, Maurice Smith, Wayne White and Arthur Bernard. At the carpenter apprentice committee meeting last week, Verl Yingling, well known local apprentice, was allowed to transfer to Lancaster, Calif., where he is now working and completing his apprentice training work, Baldwin added.

Carp. Council In S.C. Meet

Regular meet of Monterey Bay Dist. Council of Carpenters was to be held this week in Santa Cruz, with Carpenters 827 as host.

Council President Tom Eide, of Monterey, said important business was to be handled, including discussion of contract and welfare plan matters, employment, and other problems.

Hear Frank Edwards!

Calvin Succeeds MacGowan



William A. Carvin, left, chosen by the executive council of the Boilermakers-Blacksmiths Brotherhood to succeed Charles J. MacGowan, who announced his retirement effective July 1. MacGowan becomes president-emeritus and will be available to advise the brotherhood's officers on policy matters. MacGowan, 67, has served as president since 1944.



DEFENSE FUND PLAN APPROVED BY MONT. BTC

Creation of a "defense fund" by the Monterey County Building Trades Council, to cover expenses of picketing actions if necessary to keep the county fully union, has been voted by the council, according to Secretary Dial H. Miles.

Unions are asked to assess themselves voluntarily the amount of \$5 a month, over and above per capita payments to the council, in order to raise the defense fund. Proponents of the fund point out that the serious situation now in Modesto could have been handled more easily had such a fund been in existence.

A special "ways and means" committee headed by George Wilson brought in the recommendation for the new defense fund. The recommendation reads:

"We, the committee, appointed by the Monterey County Building Construction Trades Council do hereby recommend that a fund be created and known as the Emergency and Protective Fund and be established by the payment of five dollars per month by each local now affiliated with this Council or later becomes a member of this Council, over and above per capita tax now being paid this Council.

"This fund to be for the purpose of policing unfair employers or jobs, and placement of required pickets or an emergency measure until such time as local unions may assume responsibility for policing of their particular craft. Fund to be set up a special fund and all charges of an emergency measure or for the purpose of policing or investigation by proper officials to be charged to this fund and not to the general fund of the Council. Responsibility for administering the fund shall be that of the Council, President and Treasurer of the Building Construction Trades.

"If this recommendation is approved by the Council members and delegates, it is also recommended that the necessary steps be taken to place it in the form of a referendum vote and placed before the respective Locals now members of this Council for approval. Said Locals also at all times to have the privilege of summoning this Council in the event of any infraction found upon jobs known to them and expenses incurred chargeable to this fund."

A 91-year-old man in Indianapolis divorced his 65-year-old bride because, he complained, she turned out to be "too young" for him.

Plumbers Gain New Insurance Starting June 1

Members of Monterey Plumbers Union 62, will gain new insurance coverage starting June 1 as result of change in insurance carrier of the Plumbers' health and welfare program, according to Business Manager John Grisin, of Local 62.

Effective in June, an additional death benefit of \$500 is established for wives of plumbers and for each child. In addition, dependents will be provided with a medical benefit of \$50, Grisin said.

After May 31, no further insurance payments are to be made to the Travelers Insurance Co. The new insurance and welfare benefits are carried in a new health plan negotiated with the New York Life Insurance Co., Grisin added.

New insurance forms have been provided to Grisin and are available at the union's offices in Carpenters' Hall, 778 Hawthorne St., Monterey, he said. Members should contact Grisin at the office from 8 to 9:30 a.m. and 4 to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

All plumbers are urged to be at the next union meeting, Friday night, May 28. Important matters will be considered, including discussion of contract problems, Grisin said.

SALINAS BARBERS TO MEET MAY 18

Regular meeting of Barbers' Union 827 of Salinas will be held Tuesday night, May 18, at the Salinas Labor Temple, with important business on the agenda, according to James N. Butler, Jr., union secretary.

Butler said plans for union sponsorship and activities in behalf of a Little League baseball team, which the union has already voted to sponsor, will be considered. Coming conventions and other matters will be considered.

The new union barber shop in Hotel Cominos, operated by Salvador Ferreira, is now ready for business, Butler said. Joe Chappell's new shop, in Alisal, next to the bank, will be open shortly.

Steelhead trout caught on flies in the streams of California's north coastal area last year captured five of the first seven places in the annual Field & Stream magazine contest.

State Fed. Parley On Compensation

(State Fed. Release)

Official notices and programs have been sent to all AFL affiliates announcing a Workmen's Compensation Conference to be held June 5-6 in Los Angeles under the auspices of the California State Federation of Labor.

The conference will be the second of a series of weekend programs sponsored by the State AFL movement. The first quarterly conference was held February 13-14 in San Francisco on the workmen's compensation law.

Subject of the Los Angeles conference will be the permanent disability rating schedule of the workmen's compensation procedure in California.

C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the State Federation of Labor, pointed out in the announcement letter that the Los Angeles session will be followed by an identical conference in San Francisco on October 9-10. The conferences are being held on a regional basis for the traveling convenience of delegates.

The Los Angeles conference will not cover any of the material reviewed at the previous San Francisco meeting, but will deal exclusively with the permanent disability rating schedule.

All sessions in Los Angeles will be held in the Teamsters Building, 846 South Union Avenue.

The conference will open Saturday morning, June 5, at 9:00 o'clock. It will adjourn at 1:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

Session will be open to AFL officials and interested unionists. There will be a \$3.00 registration fee, payable at the opening session. This will be the only conference charge.

The conference faculty will be comprised of members of the State Federation legal staff and representatives from the state Industrial Accident Commission.

Established by action of the 1953 convention, the quarterly conference series got off to a successful start in San Francisco when 400 attended the February program.

Frank Foster, Maitre de, Dies

One of the best known members of the culinary union in this area passed away in Oakland last week at the age of 47. He is Frank Foster, who was widely known as maitre de hotel for popular establishments throughout Northern California.

Bro. Foster was a member of Culinary-Bartenders Union 345 of Santa Cruz, but had been member of other unions in the area and in San Francisco. He resided in Carmel.

At one time Bro. Foster had been maitre de hotel for the Del Monte Hotel, for the Sir Francis Drake Hotel in San Francisco, for Loma Linda, and more recently for Dixie's, near Watsonville.

A brother, Harry Foster, operates a liquor store in Monterey and is member of Monterey culinary-bartender Local 483 (not the Harry Foster who is a building trades union official).

Funeral was last week in Monterey. Bro. Foster leaves his wife, who lives in Carmel.

BIBLICAL RECOLLECTION

As the Army-McCarthy TV circus continues, a bit of historical research discloses that McCarthy is the first man since Sampson to rout an army with the jawbone of an ass.

Laborer Work Below Hopes, Says Mattos

Work for union laborers in the Salinas area is "not picking up as we hoped it might," according to John F. Mattos, business agent of Laborers Union 272 of Salinas.

Mattos issued a detailed report for his union members last week, in which he covered employment opportunities and other matters. The report is printed in full here-with:

Irish Construction Co. is using many laborers on the coaxial cable installation. The company hit a wet spot near Soledad, where the digger could not be used and trenching by hand was necessary. Some bad reports came in about one laborer.

Next meeting of Local 272 in Soledad will be Monday, May 24, instead of May 12 as stated.

Raymond Pile Co. is due back in the area and is expected to call

Tough on Wives!

Mrs. John Mattos celebrated her birthday last Saturday much more quietly than has been customary. Her husband, who is business agent of Laborers Union 272, said he was afraid to buy his wife a new car or a new fur coat—said he was afraid he might be investigated by the McCarthy Committee or something, since he has been on the job such a short time! He said he would buy her a birthday card, however, and take his chances on that.

some of our laborers. Granite Construction Co. is doing work on Monterey St. in Salinas and is com-

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IBEW Backs Postal Raise

Newton, Mass. — Thirteen thousand members of Local 1505 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers were urged to contact their Congressmen in an all-out effort to support the current wage demands of the National Federation of Post Office Clerks.

A letter mailed this week to all Congressmen from Massachusetts by Local President David J. Coady, Jr., stated: "It is with a deep lack of pride that we focus your attention on the status of the below-standard salaries of our postal employees.

"Present salary adjustments proposed are entirely inadequate, regardless of the anti-labor attitude of Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield, who openly termed the postal workers' requests an 'unjustified raid on the Treasury. It is a matter of record that the average federal employee lost \$5730 in purchasing power during the post-war period.

"We urge you to bend every legislative effort to honor the postal workers' demands for an \$800 annual wage increase."

CARPENTERS ORGANIZING DRIVE IS SET

Indianapolis — Pointing out that "every non-union job is a distinct threat to every union job," the United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners has established a Department of Organization at the general office here.

President M. A. Hutcheson, with the unanimous approval of the General Executive Board, set up the department headed by Frank Chapman, a General Representative in the Seattle area for 18 years. Organizers, whose number may be increased as needs warrant, report directly to Chapman and receive assignments from him.

"With economic conditions on the downgrade," said the union, "the existence of non-union contractors, lumber mills, furniture factories, etc., looms as a larger threat than ever to union wages and working conditions. Consequently, it is more important than ever that every man doing work falling within the jurisdiction of our organization belong to the Brotherhood."

"The success the department achieves in the organizing field depends to a large degree on the kind of cooperation it receives from Local Union, District, State and Provincial Councils. In the final analysis, all of us have the same vital stake in seeing the threat of non-union competition reduced to an absolute minimum as rapidly as possible."



AFL Secy.-Treasurer Wm. F. Schnitzler looks over the work being performed by John Mascine, member of Metal Polishers Local 113. He shows his skill as metal polisher and buffer despite loss of a leg and two fingers shot away during World War II in the Philippines. The AFL strongly supports the campaign to "Hire the Handicapped" as well as the older workers of America, and to avoid discrimination because of age, sex, race, or color.

So What Did You Do With the 0.2% Saved?

Washington (ILNS)—If you spent \$10 on cost of living items Feb. 15 they should have cost you only \$9.98 March 15, the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics has just announced. Included in the "saving" of two-tenths of 1 per cent was a drop in the price of eggs, but then they usually do go down as spring comes on. Coffee was up 6 per cent and has gone higher since. There's nothing in the new index figures to indicate "an unhealthy economic situation," commented Mrs. Ayrness Joy Wickens, Deputy Commissioner of Labor Statistics.

Brunette beautician: "Are you going to let that redhead steal your boy friend?"

Blonde beautician: "Never, I'll dye first."

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Bread and Butter Facts

Wall Street Headline Awry of Economic Facts

By BERT SEIDMAN
AFL Staff Economist

This headline appeared in a recent issue of the Wall Street Journal: "Consumer Spending Almost Equals Record rate; Checks Business Dip." This headline represents one interpretation—a very rosy one—of a survey of consumer spending issued by the Commerce Department. If the Journal's headline doesn't quite gibe with the economic facts as you know them, it is not the fault of the government statisticians who conducted the survey. In fact, a close examination of the information shown in the survey brings out conclusions which are just the opposite of what the Wall Street Journal would want its readers to believe. Here are the facts.

SPENDING HAS DROPPED
The annual rate of consumer spending has dropped by about \$2 billion since mid-1953, a decline of 1 per cent. That doesn't seem to be much of a slide until you realize that on the average, according to the Commerce Department's estimate, consumer spending should rise about 2½ to 3 per cent each year.

This means that since mid-1953 American consumers should have increased their annual rate of spending by about \$3.5 billion. Instead, their spending decreased (at an annual rate) by about \$2 billion. The net result is that the annual rate of consumer spending is now at least \$5 billion below the amount necessary to sustain a healthy and growing economy.

But the total figures do not tell the whole story. The \$2 billion drop in total consumer spending actually represents a decrease of about \$3 billion in consumer purchases of goods combined with a \$1 billion increase in expenditures for services, including housing.

Half of the rise in expenditures for services is accounted for by the larger amounts families have been paying for housing, mostly due to rent increases after the Administration and Congress refused to extend rent controls.

CARRIES IMPACT
The fact that spending for goods has decreased while outlays for services have risen is very important on the economy. This is how the Commerce Department explains it:

"The divergence in the movement of goods and services had an important impact, since a given change in expenditures for services has a much smaller effect on employment and production than an equal change in purchase of goods."

"This differential effect partly accounts for the more pronounced declines in the consumer goods industries than is apparent from the small decline in total consumption. The appreciable drop in goods purchased resulted in unfavorable inventory-sales ratios in many lines and the industries affected curtailed their purchases of materials and reduced production in an attempt to curtail stocks."

RESULTS OF CUTBACKS

What this all boils down to is that the drop in consumer spending for all kinds of goods, especially for automobiles and consumer appliances, has been translated into production cutbacks, shorter hours, and layoffs.

On the other hand, the rent increases and price boosts for utilities, local bus fares, and the like that consumers have been forced to pay have not helped to restore prosperity. On the contrary, they have prevented people from maintaining their purchases of goods, the kind of expenditures that are the real life-blood of the economy.

The facts brought out in the Commerce Department survey emphasize the urgent need to bolster consumer incomes if the nation is to get back quickly on the road to economic progress, prosperity and full employment.

This means that regardless of what the editorials and the columnists may say, unions which are successful in resisting wage cuts and negotiating wage increases will not just benefit their own members; they will also be making an important contribution to the economic welfare of the nation.

AFL Parley Seeks Solutions to Problem Of Unemployment

With 120 registered participants the seventh annual conference of the A. F. of L. Institute for Industrial Problems devoted all of last week to a discussion of unemployment problems. Some speakers discussed other problems but the bulk of the sessions dealt exclusively with unemployment with special attention to laws and practices affecting those of our citizens who are unable to obtain gainful employment in California. All the sessions of the institute were held at the Samarkand Hotel, Santa Barbara, Calif.

University professors from the various campuses of the University of California and top administrators of the unemployment law as it exists in California supplied most of the speakers. These were supplemented by representatives of the Federal Government's unemployment department, the California State Federation of Labor, and the Labor League for Political Education.

The institute was in general charge of Arthur Carstens of the University of California, Los Angeles, but actual presiding during the various presentations and panels was rotated among the participants in attendance during the conference.

The question period following each speech took on life from the very beginning and showed a marked tendency to increase in vigor and intense interest as the days passed. In fact the demand for opportunity to ask questions persisted until it had the effect of shortening the talks to allow more time for the questions.

Opening of the institute was set for Sunday evening, with an address of welcome by C. J. Haggerty, who is secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor and also a member of the Board of Regents of the University of California. He was followed by an address on "Our Economic System Today" by Fred Breier, Department of Economics, University of San Francisco.

Resuming again at 9 o'clock Monday morning, a crowded program of morning, afternoon and evening sessions were held until late Friday afternoon. The closing afternoon consisted of a general session only, as was the opening one Sunday night, but all the other forenoon and afternoon sessions opened with a general session at the beginning, then divided into two panels that were conducted in separate rooms.

LARGE ARRAY OF SPEAKERS

The entire conference partook largely of the atmosphere of class room lectures in which the various speakers were asked questions after they completed their presentations. Some of the speakers invited interruptions to clear up points as these might be developed.

Opening speaker Monday morning was Wm. Burkett, the recently appointed director of the State Department of Employment. He made a vigorous defense of the manner in which the department has been conducted during the five months he has been in charge.

Other speakers appearing on Monday's program were Chas. Stewart, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, D.C., who discussed "What Can Federal and State Governments Do to Insure Full Employment?" Jack London, University of California, Berkeley, dealt with "What Do We Actually Know About the Amount of Unemployment?" Arthur Carsten, the acting director, spoke on "Real Wages in California," as did George Roach, Chief of Research and Statistics, Department of Employment, Sacramento, and Max Kosoris, Regional Director, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, San Francisco.

At the evening session, Dr. Curran V. Shields, Department of Political Science, UCLA, served as moderator during the speaking and question and answer period, when C. J. Haggerty discussed "Political Problems." The following evening C. Al Green, Regional Director of Labor's League for Political Education, spoke on "Political Action

in the Western States," with Dr. Curran V. Shields serving as moderator.

Tuesday was given over largely to a discussion of what is being done and accomplished at the bargaining table to insure as full employment as possible in California. Dr. Joseph Garbarino, Assistant Professor of Economics, U.C., Berkeley, was the morning speaker. He made the observation that handling this problem on the federal, rather than the state level, might achieve larger results. Other speakers scheduled to fill Tuesday on "Hour Reduction and Work Sharing Proposals" were Sigmund Arywitz, D. W. Johnston, O. T. Satre and John Ulene, with T. A. Small as chairman, after Joseph Garbarino had discussed "Annual Wage Proposals."

Wednesday was a heavy day of committee sessions at which benefits and disqualifications under our present unemployment laws were considered at length and in detail. After Dr. Carl Uhr, lecturer of Social Sciences, U.C., Riverside, presented a thorough "Review of California Experience" at the opening session Wednesday morning the conference divided into two panels to devote the remainder of the day and a portion of Thursday morning to the important but often confusing topics of "benefits" and "disqualifications." These committee sessions were in charge of Clark Dolittle, Chief of Benefits, State Department of Employment, Sacramento; John Rood, Senior Field Supervisor, State Department of Employment, Sacramento; George Roach, Chief Research and Statistics, Department of Employment, Sacramento, and several of their assistants.

Wednesday night's session was given over to the subject of "Winning a Local Election," with James Hicks, a member of organized labor, who is now Mayor of the City of Sacramento, as speaker of the evening and Dr. Curran V. Shields, as moderator. Thursday night Dr. Shields was the speaker of the evening on the subject of Cross-Filing in California. Both of these last two night sessions of the conference were replete with questions.

Thursday morning Attorney Chas. Scully delivered one of his excellent addresses, "Review of California Experience."

Outstanding addresses of the closing day were those of Dr. Milton Chernin, Dean, School of Social Welfare, U.C., Berkeley, on a "Problem of Relief Today"; Chas. Schottland, Director State Department of Social Welfare on "How Does the Relief Organization Operate in the State," and the closing address of the conference by Dr. Karl de Schweinitz, Professor of Social Welfare, UCLA on the subject of "Insurance, Pensions and Public Assistance. What Do We Want from Each of These Programs?"

During the morning session of the closing day brief addresses were made by Miss Susan D. Adams, Chairman Church, Civic and Charities Committee, Los Angeles Central Labor Council; by Wm. Barr, Director of Los Angeles Department of Public Welfare, and by Ronald Born, Director of San Francisco Department of Public Welfare. Dr. Chernin acted as chairman during the entire closing day and delivered his excellent address at the very beginning of Friday in response to the unanimous request of the other speakers. His clear-cut statements with unmistakable meanings furnished a model for other speakers to try to attain.

Acting Director Carstens awarded certificates of graduation as the closing feature of the conference.

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Supervising Strike Vote Called Waste

(AFL Release)

New York City.—Wartime experience with the Smith-Connally Act is "conclusive" proof that the assumption that strikes lack rank-and-file support is "largely baseless," the national Catholic weekly review, America, said.

The editorial referred to Administration proposals to require pre-strike votes under Taft-Hartley.

America placed itself "clearly on record" against government-supervised strike votes, as proposed by the President and approved by the House Labor Committee. The magazine said such polls are "a waste of the taxpayers' money."

"However appealing such polls may be in theory—who isn't concerned that decisions to strike reflect the will of those who must walk the picket line and do the suffering?—in practice their outcome is in the vast majority of cases a foregone conclusion," America said. "The men almost invariably vote to support their leaders, that is, to strike."

"Such was our national experience with the wartime Smith-Connally anti-strike law. During the years 1945 and 1946, the government conducted under that law 2168 polls, involving 26,630 employers. In more than 85 per cent of the cases the strike won out. All told, employees cast 1,926,811 valid ballots. Despite the patriotic pressures of wartime during 1944 and 1945, 1,593,937 of these ballots favored a strike."

OREGON AFL LEADER NAMED
Portland, Ore. (ILNS)—Paul E. Gurske of this city, who served four years as president of the Oregon State Federation of Labor and was its vice president for four years before then, has been named director of the U.S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Standards. Of recent years he has been director of the Oregon State Industrial Accident Commission and is regarded as an outstanding authority on workmen's compensation. He also served 15 years as a business agent for the Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees.

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Eisenhower vs. McCarthy

Does President Eisenhower need to fear the political strength of Senator McCarthy? After all, in the Senator's own state of Wisconsin, the President piled up a majority in 1952 that was two and one-half times larger than McCarthy's.

Eisenhower carried the state by 358,000 votes. That was 219,000 more votes than the 139,000 majority McCarthy received. Indeed, the Senator's majority in 1952 was 103,000 less than it was when he was first elected in 1946.

The figures suggest that the weak-kneed group of advisers who succeeded in making the President compromise with McCarthy for 1954 election purposes misread history.

Another Campaign Pledge

"I have repeated this particular pledge over and over again in the United States. All of those associated with me and I are dedicated to this proposition: At the first sign of any approaching recession in this country, there would be instantly mobilized under the finest professional, business, labor and other leaders that we have, every recourse of private industry, of local government, of state government, and of Federal government to see that never again shall depression come to us."—Presidential Candidate Dwight Eisenhower, Yonkers, N.Y., Oct. 29, 1952.

It's Worth a Try!

Chief American foreign diplomacy these days is an effort to win friends with dollars, by the billions. Another enterprising attempt is being made, at the other extreme, by the emotional young evangelist, Billy Graham, drawing big crowds in London. Of the two, we'd say the latter has the best prospects. Big, blustery, unpopular America might do well, in other words, to get off the gold standard and get on the God standard for a while.

Are You Distracted?

The Build-Up-McCarthy TV show, besides grooming Adolph McCarthy for a power grab over Army and Government, greatly pleases Big Business boys now running Washington because it keeps our poor, dumb minds off of unemployment, power-resources give-aways, and many other help-the-rich, hurt-the-poor moves they are pulling these days. When we get down to the point of actual hunger and starvation, we'll probably find ourselves standing in front of a TV set watching a super-superproduction of murder, sex, and hell bombs—and we won't even notice that we're hungry!

It Worked

Last Aug. 7, U.S. News and World Report magazine carried this item:

"Setback, adjustment, whatever it is called . . . will come as an objective—planned—as an alternative to inflation. Government wants it, set out to get it, now sees it coming."

Not Even a Slingshot

"This government should plan massive retaliation against recession, but the Administration has blueprinted an economic popgun."—Sen. Wayne Morse in speech at Princeton University, April 23, 1954.

SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

By WM. G. KENYON, Secy.
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Local 890

To qualify for benefits under Social Security tangible proof of age is essential, not only for almost every citizen of the United States, but for many non-citizens and their families if they are working and living in the United States.

Sections of the Social Security Act concerned with entitlement to Social Security benefits abound in such phrases as these: "has attained retirement age" (defined as age 65), "has attained age 75," "has not attained the age of 18."

The only beneficiaries for whom proof of age is not one of the principal factors of entitlement for Social Security is a wife or widow who has a child of the worker in her care. Even in this situation, age is of importance because proof of the date of birth of the child is necessary.

Since the act requires that an applicant for benefits must furnish proof of age, and since this is a problem that sooner or later will confront all but approximately 10 million people, now would seem to be the appropriate time for everyone to begin to secure these proofs.

The simplest proofs to obtain are the records for children born since 1930, since practically every state has maintained a central system of vital statistics since that time, and birth certificates are readily available. Persons otherwise qualified for "OLD AGE" benefits now rarely have birth certificates available. Other proof must be sought. Public records of birth are available in many states, or from the counties or townships. Baptismal or church records are kept by many churches. Many persons will have available naturalization or immigration records, or passports. Military records are available to some.

If you are approaching retirement age, check up on your proof of age. If your wife is approaching retirement age, be sure she has secured some valid proof of age. In order to save time and worry, in case you as a worker should die, secure birth certificates for your children under 18, if you have any.

Your local Social Security office, at the address below will be glad to consult with you on the kinds of proof that are acceptable.

Your Security Office is at 196 San Augustine St., San Jose 10. Phone CYpress 2-2430.

Dillon Unseats Daubney

St. Paul, Minn.—Joseph Dillon, 33-year-old attorney who ran as a friend of Senator Humphrey, Adlai Stevenson and former President Truman, was elected mayor of St. Paul. Dillon unseated John Daubney who was backed by the daily press and large business interests. Dillon and five out of six victorious city councilmen were supported by organized labor and other liberal forces.

Jokes, Etc.

BETTING MAN

Jones paid a visit to the hospital to see his friend Smith. The heavily-bandaged patient was anxious to know what had happened. "Well," Jones told him, "you were blotto and bet that you could jump out of the window and fly round the house."

"Good heavens!" exclaimed Smith. "Didn't you try to stop me?" "Stop you, indeed!" cried the other. "I had \$5 on you."

RESPITE

The waterpipe had burst in the bathroom.

The head of the house was doing his best to stem the flow with his hands pending the arrival of the plumber.

Suddenly his small son burst into the bathroom and shouted excitedly: "You can let go of the pipe now, dad."

"Thank goodness," exclaimed father. "Is the plumber here?"

"No," was the reply. "The house is on fire!"

A Southern farmer bought a mule but couldn't do a thing with the animal. The mule wouldn't go when told to do anything, just stood around paying no attention. So the farmer decided to call in a professional mule trainer.

When the trainer arrived he went out to the barn with a 2 by 4 and started to club the mule over the back.

"Stop!" the farmer shouted. "Are you trying to kill my mule?"

"Listen, Mister," the trainer said, "the first thing in training a mule is you gotta get the mule's attention."

An admirer came up to a senatorial candidate after his speech and shook his hand warmly. "Congratulations," he said. "That was a fine speech. I liked the straightforward way you dodged those issues!"

A sailor and a girl were nose-back riding in the country. As they stopped for a rest the two horses rubbed necks affectionately. "Ah, me," said the sailor, "that's what I'd like to do."

"Go ahead," said the girl. "It's your horse."

"To what do you attribute your great age?" the city visitor asked the elderly gentleman.

"I can't say yet," answered great grandfather cautiously. "There's several of them testimonial fellows still a-dickering with me."

The best way to tell a woman's age is a mistake. Which reminds me of the sign on the cosmetic counter at Bolling's drug store which reads: "Peach Preservers."

Ez Tike says he has a very poor opinion of himself and doesn't deserve it.

Music was so bad at the barn dance last week Aunt Sary dropped a tray of dishes and everyone got up to dance.

Young married man: "When I got home last night my wife greeted me with a big kiss. She had a marvelous meal cooked and insisted that I read the paper afterward instead of helping her with the dishes."

Older married man: "And how did you like her new dress?"



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FHA SCANDAL SHOWS NEED FOR PUBLIC HOUSING

Washington.—Sen. Paul Douglas (D., Ill.), speaking on the As We See It program presented by the AFL over the ABC radio network, pointed out that the Federal Housing Administration, now the subject of investigation on fraud charges, was presented by the real estate lobby as a substitute for public housing.

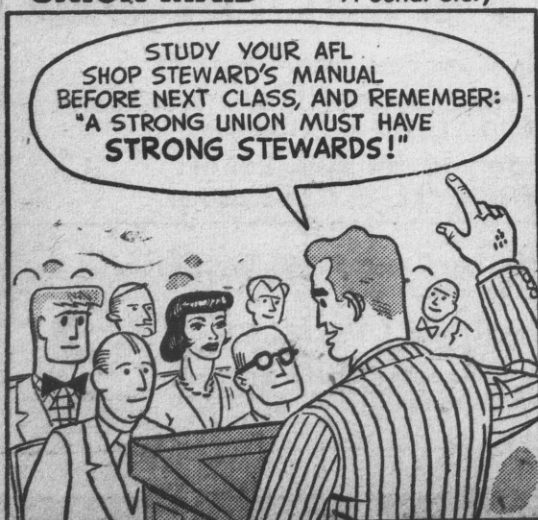
The need for a public housing program is emphasized by the disclosures on FHA, Douglas said. Building is not sufficient either for the lower or the middle income groups, he declared.

"At least 135,000 units a year are needed in public housing," the Illinois senator said. "This will pay off in reduced crime, taxes, fewer fire losses, less juvenile delinquency, and in many other ways."

Rep. Sidney Yates (D., Ill.), on the same program, disclosed that a plan pending before the Federal Power Commission might increase natural gas to consumers by \$450 million.

Labor in this country is independent and proud. It has not to ask the patronage of capital, but capital solicits the aid of labor.—Daniel Webster, April, 1824.

"UNION MAID"—A Serial Story



by Stan Jennings

Ike's Health Plan Unhealthy

(AFL Release)

The AFL told Congress that the Eisenhower Administration's major proposal in the field of health fails to meet the real needs of the people as portrayed by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare itself.

Andrew Biemiller, AFL national legislative representative, testified before the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee's subcommittee on health that the Administration bill, introduced last month by Sen. Alexander Smith (R., N.J.), does not encourage preventive care, improve accessibilities to facilities and personnel, provide comprehensive protection or full family coverage, safeguard the patient against fee-splitting or unnecessary surgery, assure the patient that his insurance will cover the full cost of his medical bills, or encourage group practice resulting in an improved quality of medical care.

NOTHING FOR NEEDY

The Administration measure would set up a \$25 million revolving fund to insure private insurance companies. It does nothing for the people who pay the bills.

"We submit," said Biemiller, "that the very heart of the nation's most critical health problem concerns those who cannot, or even those who will not, include health insurance premiums as a necessary part of the family budget. Our concern, of course, is with those who cannot. But, on the authority of the Administration representatives, this program does not attempt to meet the problem."

Biemiller noted that Dr. Chester Keefer, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, pointed out that "in more than 40 per cent of the families (of America), expenses incurred for medical care ranged from 5 to over 100 per cent of family income in the given 12 months."

The AFL representative said that and other figures developed by the department "constitute one of the most conclusive presentations of the need for national health insurance ever to come to our attention."

NOTES FORWARD STEP

The AFL, he said, has noted the "forward steps" that the so-called Ives-Flanders bill represents in approaching the problem of providing adequate health insurance for the people. He said the measure accepts the assumption that a public subsidy to voluntary insurance plans is the appropriate method for bringing most of the population under the coverage of such plans. Also commending themselves to all concerned with basic health needs, Biemiller added, are these provisions of the legislation:

"1. It offers a nation-wide scheme of insurance as a means of financing medical services.

"3. It provides that in order to qualify for Federal-state aid, the plans or a combination of plans,

purchasable by a family, must offer comprehensive services, that is, at least hospitalization and the services of family physicians as well as specialists.

"4. The membership charges in such plans cannot be flat rate, but must be based on a percentage of a subscriber's income (up to \$5000).

"5. The majority of the governing board of every acceptable plan must represent those receiving medical care and services."

The AFL, Biemiller said, thinks that Congress should give "serious consideration" to bills by Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D., Minn.) and Rep. Charles Wolverton (R., N.J.) regarding health facilities. The Humphrey bill authorizes direct government loans for medical facilities. The latter measure would create a medical facilities mortgage insurance fund.

SUPPORT PRINCIPLE

The AFL supports these bills in principle, although it believes some changes would improve either measure.

Biemiller also noted "with deep concern" that President Eisenhower's budget called for only \$50 million for continuing the basic Hill-Burton hospital construction program in the year beginning June 30. He said that represented a reduction of \$15 million from the amount authorized for the current fiscal year, and noted that only in 1950 was the full \$150 million authorized in the original act appropriated.

He said the AFL took pride in the fact that it has supported the Hill-Burton law from the time it was introduced.

"I would like to point out, however," Biemiller said, "that the costs of medical care by individuals is still with us. This is not an argument against the bill (to authorize \$60 million for specialized hospital projects, plus \$2 million for research and survey). It is to point out once again that there remains the necessity to undertake over-all comprehensive planning to meet the essential health needs of the nation."

Anderson-Bolling Employees Vote AFL

Spring Lake, Mich. — Anderson-Bolling Co. employees voted to affiliate with UAW-AFL in an NLRB election. The new group has already held its first meeting to elect officers and has scheduled another to draw up contract proposals for presentation to the company.

Union Leaders' Abilities Neglected in Local Affairs

Ithaca, N. Y. — Union leaders are not being given sufficient opportunity to contribute their abilities to community affairs, Prof. Orme W. Phelps of Claremont Men's College declared in the spring issue of the "Industrial and Labor Relations Review," published by the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University. Both the community and the union movement suffer from this neglect, the author said.

After a survey of membership in typical civic and social organizations, and a review of other forms of community recognition of leadership, Professor Phelps concludes that "a relatively new group of executives are denied almost every form of recognition other than their earned rank as union officials."

Two major implications result. "For one thing, the great mass of low and middle income wage and salary earners are left unrepresented in community affairs, except as they can exercise influence upon their elected representatives in government. . . . One of the boasts of American life is the number and wide range of activities of voluntary community organizations: in religion, education, philanthropy, medical and legal services, correction and rehabilitation, civic planning. With union officials practically excluded from membership, the low income majority of the public is barred from representation in the policy councils of an important segment of what are really public affairs."



Current controversy in the McCarthy-Army hearings brings to mind some other "photography" involved in the 1951 defeat of Senator Millard Tiddings of Maryland. This is not an actual photo of Jumping Joe McCarthy, the big wind from Wisconsin, with a gorilla (left.) But that's the kind of trick that was used in Maryland by McCarthy's pals to defeat Senator Tydings. A widely circulated picture showed Tydings apparently being cozy with Earl Browder, former Communist head in the U.S. It was done (just as the picture above) by taking two separate photos, pasting them together, and then re-photographing, to make what is known in the trade as a "composite" photo. (LPA from Madison, Wis., Capital Times.)

BUSINESS FAILURES IN '54 AVERAGE 231 PER WEEK

Business failures so far in 1954 average 231 a week, contrasted to 169 a year ago, Dun and Bradstreet report. This is an increase of 37 per cent. Failures have run ahead of 1953 totals for 29 consecutive weeks beginning with the first of last October.

Eleven per cent fewer persons were at work in Pennsylvania factories in March than in the same month of 1953, according to the Federal Reserve Bank in Philadelphia. The total of 1,075,000 represented a drop of 129,000 during the year. The total also showed a decrease of 14,000 workers from February. Ordinarily there is an increase in factory jobs in March. Average weekly wages in March this year were \$70.05, a decline of almost \$1.50 from a year ago. The workweek in March averaged 38.7 hours, and hourly earnings, \$1.81.

Department store sales from the first of the year through mid-April declined by 3 per cent compared with 1953 figures, the Federal Reserve Board reported. They decreased in all 12 Federal Reserve areas except those of Boston, New York City and Minneapolis. They increased by only 1 per cent in the Boston zone and registered neither a loss nor a gain in the latter two. Sales fell off most sharply in the Cleveland and San Francisco areas, where they were down 6 per cent. Other regions showing declines were Philadelphia, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, and Dallas.

The gross national product—the value of all goods and services—declined during the first quarter of 1954 to an annual rate of \$359 billion, the Joint Congressional Economic Committee reported.

The drop has continued steadily since the second quarter of 1953, when it reached a peak of \$371.4 billion yearly.

The Federal Reserve Board said that industrial production in the month of March fell again to 123 per cent of the 1947-49 average, compared with 124 in February, 125 in January, and 137 last July. Contrasted with March 1953, production this year was down 9 per cent, the FRB said.

Republic Steel Corp. reported its operations during the first three months of this year were 34 per cent below a year ago. Earnings declined by 20 per cent.

The downtrend in chain stores and mail order sales continued in March. A check of 43 large companies by the New York Times showed their monthly volume of

\$954 million was 7.2 per cent less than in March 1953.

Average wholesale prices in the week ending April 13 equalled the peak for 1953, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. A rise of one-tenth of one per cent sent the Bureau's index of such prices to 111 per cent of the 1947-49 average.

A total of 8,800 fewer non-farm houses were started in March than in the same month last year, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Total starts numbered 97,000, BLS said. Work was begun on 8 per cent fewer houses during the first quarter of this year than in the same period of 1953.

U.S., Mexican Unions Meet On Problems

(State Fed. Release)

U.S. and Mexican labor representatives were to meet in Laredo, Texas, May 11-13, to consider joint action on Mexican worker importation into the United States.

A similar conference was held last December in Mexico City. The Laredo meeting has been called by the Joint Trade Union Committee on Migratory Labor for Mexico and the United States.

The recent 20th National Conference on Labor Legislation held in Washington, D.C., gave support to the U.S. labor position in the Mexican dispute by recommending that (1) Employers be prevented from hiring imported labor unless they have previously offered the jobs to American citizens; (2) The U.S. Border Patrol be strengthened; (3) Penalties be applied to employers who knowingly hire and employ illegal entrants.

The foreign labor situation was further aggravated this January when southern California growers sought to import thousands of farm hands from the British West Indies to harvest crops in Ventura County and adjacent areas. The attempt failed when the California State Federation of Labor protested to Governor Goodwin J. Knight.

Thomas L. Pitts represented the California State Federation of Labor at the Washington conference which was comprised of federal and state labor department officials and officials of organized labor.

Hear Frank Edwards!

The Labor Market—State Says Non-Farm Jobs Fewer in March

According to the State Dept. of Employment, the number working in the San Francisco-Oakland area remained constant between February and March. This apparent stability of total employment reflected an increase in farm jobs which offset the moderate but continuing decline of non-agricultural work force.

Unemployment rose from February to March. Decreases in the number of workers becoming newly unemployed, however, indicated that the total continuing jobless should soon diminish.

Total employment held about steady at 993,400 workers between February and March although the number on non-agricultural jobs dropped by 1000. Month-to-month developments included a rise in construction work force, the first gain for this industry since last October.

Employment rose for the month in both finance and service. February to March worker reductions occurred in the transportation group, in trade and in government but all of these monthly declines were very much smaller than those which took place from January to February.

This area's manufacturing, in contrast to its usual course for this time of year, did not turn up in March but continued the downtrend in work force which has characterized that activity since last September. Declines brought payroll totals down for the month in both durables and nondurables with layoffs heaviest in auto assembly and apparel.

Unemployment in the six counties rose from 56,000 in February to 58,200 in March. Joblessness in the latter month was about one-half again as large as in March 1953 when 39,000 were without work. This year's March estimate implies the unemployment of 5.5 per cent of the area's total labor force, a higher proportion than the 3.7 of March 1953 but well under the percentages of 9.6 and 9.2 for the same months of 1949 and 1950 respectively.

The number of continued claims for unemployment insurance benefits filed with Bay Area local offices of the California Department of Employment continued to rise from February to March. The weekly average of initial claims, however, fell off from 6476 to 5756 in those months.

BYRD DEMANDS ACCOUNTING OF FHA PROGRAM

Washington. — Sen. Harry Byrd (D., Va.) demanded a complete accounting from the Eisenhower Administration on the Federal Housing Administration program, including information on "windfall" profits and excessive rents.

In letters to Housing and Home Finance Administrator Albert Cole, the Virginian called for information on 11 different phases of the housing program which are open to possible abuse. Byrd queries centered around the key issue in the housing scandals—the quickie profits made by builders who receive Government-insured mortgages for more than the cost of the project.

He also discussed the fact that some tenants have suffered from excessive mortgages by paying inflated rents. The Senator asked Cole to outline the extent to which FHA fixes and controls rents on Government-insured projects and "factors" on which the rentals are based. He also asked for a list of FHA-insured properties where rents have been allowed to increase over the original rates, and "a statement of policy" justifying these cases.

Byrd's questions covered the defunct rental housing program and the current programs of defense and cooperative housing and home improvement loans.

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Goldwater Would Give States Sweeping Power Over Labor

Washington.—Senate debate on proposed amendments to the Taft-Hartley Act was marked by introduction of an additional amendment even more antilabor than those which came from the Senate Labor Committee, and by threats of a filibuster if discussed antidiscrimination amendments were introduced on the floor.

Sen. Barry Goldwater (R., Ariz.) was author of a proposal that would guarantee to the state sweeping power over labor disputes. Goldwater said his measure would require that unions, to claim exclusive bargaining rights, must show support of 95 per cent of the employees in a plant, instead of a majority as at present.

Goldwater also said that his proposal would permit the states to prohibit collective bargaining. The debate made it apparent that under the Goldwater amendment the states would be able to pass any anti-labor laws they wished, including even the right for workers to organize at all. He conceded that the proposal would permit 48

different labor laws, thus confusing and complicating union operation.

The bill, the logical extreme of the amendments proposed by the Senate Labor Committee, would give the states the rights to take away any rights granted working people, but not those given the employer in the Taft-Hartley Law.

Senator Goldwater offered his proposal as an amendment to the committee bill. Washington reports were to the effect that the bill, if it includes the Goldwater amendment, would be vetoed by President Eisenhower.

The filibuster threat came as an anti-discrimination amendment to the Senate bill was offered by Sen. Herbert Lehman (D., N.Y.). Sen. Irving M. Ives sent two amendments on the same subject to the Senate secretary's desk.

These proposals would make it an unfair labor practice for an employer or union to discriminate against an employee in hiring or in conditions of employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, or ancestry.

Senator Lehman said he would press his amendment if the Senate refused to send the reported bill back to committee. If he did that, a Southern filibuster was assured.

Sen. James E. Murray (D., Mont.), ranking minority member of the Senate Labor Committee, delayed his motion to recommit. He had planned to make it on the first day of debate.

Labor Parley Blas's 'RIGHT-TO-SLAVE' Laws

Governors' delegates from state labor departments and organized labor in 41 states went on record unanimously against so-called "right-to-work" laws, asking repeal of legislation in all states that have adopted them. The laws would prevent union security.

CURB FREEDOM

The Twentieth National Conference on Labor Legislation also declared against the Reed Bill, H. R. 5173, went on record for the addition of federal standards for unemployment insurance operation in the states, for an increase in the maximum weekly unemployment insurance benefits, and voted against the resolution which was then pending in the House on the entry of Mexican workers.

The delegates, appointed by the governors, said that the so-called "right to work" laws "curb individual freedom, infringe the rights of employers and employees to establish conditions of employment through free collective bargaining, and are contrary to the expressed desires of working men and women as demonstrated by the results of 'union security' elections." The conference urged "all state legislative bodies to repeal or defeat these antilabor laws."

Opposition to the Reed Bill was designated as "in its present form." Instead, the conference called "for grants to distressed states instead of loans," since states with unemployment situations would be in most need of assistance.

The federal standards for unemployment insurance operation proposed included that "maximum benefit amounts shall not be less than two-thirds of the average weekly wage in covered employment, duration of the period in which benefits shall be payable to eligible unemployed workers shall not be less than 26 weeks, and all employment by employers of one or more employees shall be covered."

Hear Frank Edwards!

IAM 'First Lady'



Virginia McZegle, IAM shop committeewoman at the Wichita, Kan., Boeing Airplane Co. plant, was chosen "First Lady" of Lodge 834, International Assn. of Machinists, AFL, and besides the title, won a complete wardrobe and a three-day, all-expense trip to Washington, D.C.

Who is Kidding Who?

President Eisenhower stated on March 15 that 56 per cent of the 300,000 stockholders of U.S. Steel are individuals earning less than \$5,000 a year.

The implication of President Eisenhower's statement was clearly that large numbers of low-income taxpayers would benefit through the tax relief proposed for dividend income under the Administration-sponsored tax bill.

It should be pointed out that the statistics of income for 1950 show that slightly more than three million out of 53 million taxpayers filing returns paid taxes on dividends. This means that less than six taxpayers out of every 100 would have benefited from the tax relief proposed for stockholders in 1954.

The 1,397,000 stockholders with incomes of less than \$5,000 would have deducted an average of \$136 from their taxable incomes, had the proposed tax relief for dividend income been in effect in 1950. Their tax savings would have averaged 32 per cent less than the savings that would accrue to a husband and wife through a \$100 increase in the personal exemption.

It is clear that to a man with \$150,400 income, a \$387 dividend credit means a \$348 tax saving, because such a taxpayer is subject to a 90 per cent tax rate on income above \$150,000. The \$6,400 income taxpayer, by contrast, saves \$116, which amounts to 30 per cent of his dividend credit.

As for the low-income stockholders referred to by President Eisenhower, the over-all figures for 1950—not just those applying to U.S. Steel—show that for each dollar in tax savings from dividend credits accruing to those with incomes below \$5,000, those with incomes above \$5,000 will save \$20.

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S.U.H.S. STUDENTS WIN MATHEMATICS CONTEST

A year ago an annual mathematics contest for California high school students was begun by the California State Polytechnic College at San Luis Obispo. On May 1 it was held for the second successive year and this time three senior students from Salinas High entered—Jim Thompson, Phil Rodriguez, and John Osugi. Contestants came from 25 high schools in Santa Barbara, Fresno, Monterey, King City, Santa Maria, Coalinga, Taft, Visalia, Tulare, Atascadero, and 15 other California cities.

Two-hour written examinations were given and scored immediately by Cal Poly faculty members. In the individual scores John Osugi of Salinas took first place and was awarded a \$100 scholarship to Cal Poly if he decides to enter that school next year. The first three place winners received valuable slide rules. In the competition by teams, the three Salinas entrants also took first place.

Winning the mathematics contest at Cal Poly is regarded as a considerable honor for the Salinas students involved and for their mathematics teachers at the high

school. Two of the three math department teachers at the high school are members of AFT 1020.

COULD SET AN IMPORTANT PRECEDENT

The idea of having a competitive event of this nature is an important new development at Salinas High.

Some honest critics of present day education point to the de-emphasizing of the old-time "solid subjects" which to our most academic minded students must remain the most important of all—for their attainment of a good general educational background as a preparation for intensive college study. Contests such as that among the math students might help a great deal to bring the "solid subjects" back into a position of greater prestige in the high school curriculum.

—FRED CLAYSON.

SLOW IN STEEL

A total of 196,700 members of the United Steelworkers—about 16 per cent of the total membership—have been idled in recent weeks by production cutbacks in metal working plants in the U.S. and Canada.

1953 PSALM

Ike is my shepherd, I am in want.
He maketh me to lie on park benches,
He shall lead me by still factories.
He shall restore my doubt in the Republican Party.
He shall guide me in the paths of unemployment
For his party's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the alley of soup
kitchens, I am hungry.
I do bear evil for thou art against me.
The Cabinet and the Senate shall discomfort me.
Thou prepare a reduction in my wages, in the
presence of my creditors.
Surely poverty and hard times shall follow me.
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Laborer Work Below Hopes, Says Mattos

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pleting its portion of the freeway near Chualar. Donahue Co. is working on streets and parking areas in Salinas.

The service station at Laurel Drive and Main St. was completed by Butler & Fox, signatories to the laborer agreement and health plan. Mr. Butler was passing out cigars—two of them—and said the Engineers Union is to get two new members. Some laborers remarked that he now has a "Tom and Jerry," maybe.

"Tiny" Rogge, business representative for Plumbers, also handed out cigars. We wonder if this is a new business agent—or do we take him into the Laborers?

Bro. Mike Rosa's son was rushed to a Salinas hospital with a badly bruised finger. We hope he enjoyed the vacation from school, but that he has a speedy recovery.

Bro. Ted Miller, of our union, running for constable in Greenfield. He visited our office last week but found there wasn't enough room on a street for his car and another. Not much damage to the car—and lucky for the other driver that Ted didn't have his star!

It is reported that Wray Empie was down south for a vacation trip. It was a fast trip, but Bill is getting tanned and much slimmer resting right here in Salinas. Someone said he is developing a figure which may get him a movie contract.

No one in the Labor Temple was bragging about the little grey horse, Determine, which won the Kentucky Derby—and we had expected our office secretary to come up with a new coat at last.

Laborers who have not received the new wage increase, as of May 1, should bring their checks to the union office. The new pay rate calls for 5 cents an hour increase in all classifications, with \$2.05 an hour for common labor. Another 2½ cents becomes effective August 1. Health and welfare payments are increased next February by 2½ cents an hour also.

Bolado Park is being vastly improved by union people. The holding pens for the Rodeo stock are fine, but the improvements may take away some of the fun (and trouble) the cowboys have had in Horsemen's Association events in the past.

District Eagles Meet Tomorrow

Members of Eagles lodges in Watsonville, Santa Cruz, Monterey, Hollister, King City, Gilroy and Salinas will meet at the Salinas Native Sons Hall on Wednesday night of this week, according to James N. Butler, Jr., secretary of the Salinas lodge.

The district meeting will be conducted by Glen Oberst, of Watsonville; William C. White, of Watsonville, and Armand J. Schaub, of Seattle, Butler said.

Next meeting of the Salinas lodge will be May 25. Installation of officers is scheduled June 8, with a big dinner party planned for members and wives, Ben Petersen of Chualar as host.

House May Await Senate T-H Action

Chairman Samuel McConnell (R., Pa.) said the House Labor Committee may wait for the Senate to act on revision of the Taft-Hartley law before taking final action on its own bill. The Senate is scheduled to begin debate on the measure May 3.

McConnell said the committee agreed to "clean up the underbrush" of pending minor issues during the next few days.

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Did you hear about the man who advertised for a wife? He received some 5000 answers—all from men who said he could have their wives.

Notice that the Republicans are thinking seriously about allowing 18-year-olds to vote. Wonder if it is because the 18-year-olds are too young to remember the last depression?

Monterey building council making a smart move—raising a defense fund by asking unions to donate \$5 a month. Fund to be called the "Emergency and Protective Fund" and to be for the prevention of a Modesto battle in the Monterey area.

Want some tips to help you sleep better? 1. Get a physical check to make sure blood pressure, eyes, teeth or diet don't keep you awake. 2. Try a change in your drinks—you're older and coffee, tea, cocoa or liquor may affect you differently now. 3. Make sure your bed is comfortable, fitted sheets, good pillows, etc. 4. Don't sleep in a room with red or yellow walls, and don't read exciting stories or have loud, stimulating music after you retire. 5. Try warm (flannelette) pajamas or night gowns in winter, lighter night clothes in summer, and keep the weight of the bed covers the same. 6. Experiment with baths—some people sleep better, some worse, after baths. Also some like baths hot, others cold. (And some never take any!) 7. Noise can be terrible—put that ticking clock outside with the cat. 8. Ventilate the room temperately—hay fever sufferers or asthmatics should use care not to have too much outside air. 9. Get to bed early—at least sometimes! Don't try to prove that you go to bed when widest awake and get up when the most sleepy!

Congratulations to unions, union officials and contractors—contract negotiations in the building industry have been speedy and successful without labor trouble, for first time in many years. Good to see harmony.

CORRECTION: In a recent column, we said that the leader of an employer supported group which has been fighting labor unionism in Watsonville was the brother of State Assemblyman Silliman. We had been told that Francis Silliman was the brother of James Silliman, who currently is a candidate for lieutenant governor. Now we are informed that they are members of two different branches of the family. We want to apologize to James Silliman for the reference, and we hope that no inconvenience has been caused as result of the error.

Little League baseball active in Salinas and Watsonville, with unions doing much to promote the baseball for kids 9 to 12. San Jose area has big program, but no unions as sponsors—why not???

Speaking of kids—heard a father scold his youngster for whistling at a little girl. As the father turned away, he added: "Besides, that's how I met your mother!"

EMPTY
O'Leary's wife woke in the middle of the night to hear her husband creeping about the kitchen. "What might ye be looking for, darlin'?" she called out. "Nothin'," called back O'Leary. "Just nothin'." "Oh!" said his wife cheerfully. "Then you'll find it in the bottle where the whiskey used to be."

Helping Fellow Unionist

Richard M. Maupin (left), editor of The Unionist, Nebraska State Federation of Labor's official AFL newspaper, is shown presenting a check to Albert M. Witzling, former president of the Omaha Federation of Labor, as State Federation President Gordon C. Preble and his secretary Donna Henkenius smile approvingly. Witzling was forced to retire two years ago because of illness, and various Nebraska unions got together and raised \$2,750.97 to tide him over. Just another example of labor helping an incapacitated brother.



New Taxes Aid the Rich

The AFL told Congress that it opposed a proposal to repeal the 16th Amendment to the Constitution which provides for a graduated income tax.

Secretary of the Treasury Geo. Humphrey also told the Senate Judiciary Committee that the proposed amendment, which would put a 25 per cent ceiling on federal tax rates, was inadvisable. Humphrey said it would wreck government finances.

George Riley, AFL legislative representative, said that the AFL had no suggestions "to make Senate Joint Resolution 23 palatable, because we oppose its principle."

"The American Federation of Labor," Riley said, "has held to the view that the 'millionaires' amendment' is nothing less, or more, than a softening-up process which would lead almost directly into a national sales tax or its equivalent to fill the vacuum left by the limitation on income tax."

The AFL representative pointed out that the federation has opposed the amendment repeatedly. The 1952 convention, he noted, resolved to "take an active part" in defeating the proposed "millionaire tax swindle."

Humphrey estimated the resolution would result in a maximum loss of \$15 billion in revenue under alternative machinery for Congress to exceed the limit for a year at a time, which could be obtained by a three-fourths vote of the entire membership of each house only. Necessary, said Humphrey, would be a shift to other forms of taxation than the income tax.

"A sudden shift to other forms of taxation would have to be made on a scale that would be neither feasible nor acceptable to most people," said Humphrey. "A financial breakdown would result."

"Angel" is the only word in the language which cannot be worn out. No other word would resist the pitiless use which lovers make of it.—Victor Hugo.

State Labor-for-Knight Committee is Organized

Formation of an active State-wide Labor-for-Knight Committee made up of key labor leaders with Milton Maxwell, international vice president of AFL Butchers' Union as northern California chairman and Thomas Pitts, president of the California State Federation of Labor heading the southern committee was announced today by C. J. (Neil) Haggerty, Gov. Knight's labor chairman.

Characterizing Governor Knight as fair-minded, constructive and dynamic, Mr. Haggerty, who is executive treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor commented:

"Organized labor does not want any special favors; but it certainly does want a governor who will give serious consideration to the voice and problems of the wage-earners of this state. That, I know, Gov. Knight will do."

Members of Labor-for-Knight Committee representing more than a million California working men and women include:

James Murphy, Vice President, San Francisco Labor Council; Lawrence Palacios, International Vice President Laundry Workers' International Union; William P. Sutherland, Secretary, California State Theatrical Federation; Geo. E. Mock, Intl. Representative In-

ternational Brotherhood of Teamsters; Harry Lundeborg, Secretary-Treas. Sailors' Union of the Pacific; Verne Pankey, President, California State Council of Cannery Workers; T. A. Small, President, San Mateo Central Labor Council; Victor Swanson, Intl. Vice President, Intl. Union of Operating Engineers; John Hawk, Secretary-Treas. Seafarers' Intl. Union of North America; Joseph J. Diviny, Intl. Vice President Intl. Brotherhood of Teamsters; William Conboy, Intl. Representative International Brotherhood of Teamsters; Jack Goldberg, President of the San Francisco Labor Council; Dan F. Del Carlo, Secretary, San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council; Charles P. Scully, Calif. State Federation of Labor; Lowell Nelson, Secretary, Vallejo Trades and Labor Council; and Harry Finks, Secretary, Sacramento Labor Council.

Representing Northern California's working women on the Labor-for-Knight Committee are: Elizabeth Kelly, Business Representative Waitresses Local 48, San Francisco; Alice Hansen, President, Office Employees Union, Stockton; Virginia Davis, Secretary, Butte County Labor Council and Kay Mackey, Secretary, Culinary Workers No. 572, Stockton.

Great 'Anti-Trust Victory'—Poor Farmers Sentenced

(State Fed. Release)

U.S. Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr. won a victory over labor last week when six strawberry farmers in Louisiana and a union organizer were convicted under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act in the U.S. District Court, New Orleans.

The convicted men are leaders of a 3,000-member AFL organization, the Louisiana Fruit & Vegetable Producers Co-operative Marketing Union, Local 312. The local is affiliated with the National Agricultural Workers Union, AFL.

According to H. L. Mitchell, NAWU president, the strawberry farmers (who cultivated less than three acres in strawberries and earned less than \$400 annually in 1951) united against chain store and commission agent buyers to "secure the market price for the products of their labor."

Prison sentences of six to nine months, plus fines of \$500 to \$1,000 each, were assessed against the convicted men. The union was fined \$4,000. The U.S. District Judge in New Orleans suspended the prison terms and placed each man on one year's probation upon payment of the fines.

Among the sentenced men was Henry E. "Hank" Hasiwar, vice president of the National Agricul-

tural Workers Union and former California representative.

In response to Brownell's action, Mitchell charged that "... the U.S. Dept. of Justice endorses the law one way against the rich and another way against the poor. Anti-trust actions against major oil and aluminum corporations are settled amicably by Mr. Brownell, who turns right around and persecutes the poor and needy who try to get a better deal for their families. "Brownell is now threatening to investigate General Motors and Ford Motor Co. for controlling 82 per cent of the automobile production in the U.S. One can imagine how far such an investigation will go with the former president of General Motors sitting in President Eisenhower's cabinet."

LET IT BE A LESSON

Father to small son: "Never mind how I first met your mother—just don't go around whistling!"

EVERYONE'S DOING IT!

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